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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed 24 January 2003, time for response to which was set to expire 24 February 2003. An election of species was required.

Applicants fail to understand this request. Applicants have already elected the species wherein the samples are derived from bladder tissue since bladder cancer was selected as the appropriate species.

Applicants understand that only claims 29-30, 32, 44-45, 50-51 and 56-57 are being examined. No response has been received with regard to the declaration of Dr. Challita-Eid submitted with the previous response which demonstrates that there is a sufficient correlation between mRNA production and protein production that detection of either would serve as a basis

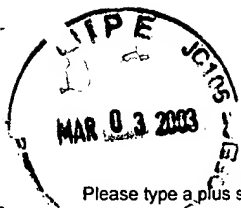
for diagnosis. Applicants believe they are entitled to a response to the evidence submitted, and that all claims now pending should be examined together.

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Respectfully submitted,

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